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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DRESSING POLISHING CLOTH
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 08/881,616,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following:

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This is a Divisional Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/881,616, filed
June 25, 1997.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 5, to page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

AS
The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for dressing a polishing cloth, and more particularly to a method and apparatus for dressing a polishing cloth for restoring the polishing capability of the polishing cloth in a polishing apparatus for polishing a workpiece such